

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2505 - SB 2529

January 19, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the list of offenses under the cruelty to animals law to include offenses against police, fire, service, and search and rescue animals and police horses. Adds the value of the animal to the penalties imposed on violators. Defines "serious bodily injury". Creates an offense for intentionally interfering with police, fire, service, and search and rescue animals and police horses from performing their official duties. Violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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